



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of
Akira TAKANO et al.

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Examiner: Hilary L. Gutman

For: BLOWER UNIT MOUNTING STRUCTURE AND METHOD FOR MOUNTING A
BLOWER UNIT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Hilary L. Gutman
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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 3, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims to read as follows:

1. (Original) A blower unit mounting structure comprising:
- an instrument panel including an upper panel and a lower panel that are vertically divided along a transverse direction of a vehicle body; and
- at least a steering support beam and a blower unit assembled to the lower panel to form a unitized component,
- wherein the unitized component is mounted on the vehicle body before the upper panel is mounted on the vehicle body.
2. (Previously Amended) The blower unit mounting structure as set forth in Claim 1, further comprising:

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